

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

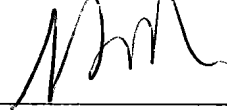
Favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

In response to the election requirement, Applicants herein elect Species I, corresponding to Figure 2 without traverse for further prosecution on the merits. Claim 40 has been cancelled. Applicants identify Claims 21-35 and 39 are readable on the species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications direct to the non-elected species.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 21-35 and 39 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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